Ill-effects of charter Joint venture and open sea policies

846. SHRI SUBASnMOHANTY: Will' the Minister of AGRICULTURE be plea-. sed jo state:

(a) whether Government propose to senU a fact-finding team to study as to what ill-effects the garter, joint venture and epen«sea policies of - Government would have on the economic status of fishenaen of. Orissa;

(b) whether non-official experts and so cial workers are also proposed to be asso ciated with such a team; and

(e| if not, the reasons for ignoring the long-term ill consequences of the „pen sea policy feeing enunciated with respect to •ishery and'marine Wealth?..

T«E MINISTER OF-STATE JK THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRiaULTUKE jAND COOPERATION IN THE. MINISTRY TRY Of AGRICULTURE (SHRI YO-GENTJRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The cfiartered foreign fishing vessels are requited to operate beyond. 24 nautical miles between, Nizampatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and Paradeep(port (Orissa) and the specified area north, of Chilka Lakejn Orissa is out of bounds for the chartered foreign fishing vessles. Regarding operation of vessels under. joint venture also, it, is stipulated that these vessels should operate beyond the range of operation of mechanised and non-me-chanise'd boats. Thus, the area of opera-tion *fit* chartered vessels as well as vessels under Joint venture would not affect the economic status of fishermen of Oris--sa and the question of sending any fact finding team for this purpose does not ' arise^

(c) While formulating thc. 'policy on deep sea fishing, Government have taken into consideration the interests of various sections of the fishing industry, the fishery resources availability, conservation of. resources etc Only specialised and resource specific vessels ghall be permitted under the various schemes. A high power Committee has also been set tip which periodically evaluates the research and conserva-; tion measures required for monitoring the n^ery resburces.

Irrigation projects of the Sixth' Five-Year Plan period

847. SHRI'M. A. BABY;
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of WATER RE-SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the irrigation pro jects of the Sixth Five Year Plan period was completed in time;
(b) if so, details thereof;.

(c) how many such projects are still in the process; and

(d) the reasons. fo_r such spilled over of irrigation projects in the current plan

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-' SOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) and (b) 36 major and 159 medium irrigation. projects weiy completed during the sixth plan period. Details • of minor irrigation schemes are-not maintained at the Centre.

(c) and (d) 181 major and 433 me-- dium projects have spilled over into the Seventh". Plan and are under implementation. The, reasons. for relay in completion include inadequate investigations at the project formulatiorf stage, proliferation of projects, inadequacy of resources, difficulties in land acquisition, and change in the scope of the projects. '

Price of Vanaspati ghee

'848. sHRI M. A. BABY;
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of FOOp AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

. (a) what is the cost of production and sale price of vanaspati ghee per kg. in Northern, Western, 'Southern and Eastern regions of India, separately;

(b) whether there is any variation in the cost ana sale price bf vanaspati different regions; and

(c) *it so,* the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL I . SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a)

Region	Average sale price per kg.	Approximate computed cost of . production
.Northern (Dsibi) .	Rs. 23. 20	Rs. 22-65
Western (Bombay)	Rs. 24. 00	R>. 23-60
Southern (Madras).. '	Rs. 23. 75	Rs, 23-35
Eastern.. (Calculi)	Rs! 24. 40 '	R< 23. 65.

(b) Yes, sir.

'(c) |iie reasons for variation* in prices in. different regions are difference in, local taxes, freight charges andweighted average cost of toe oils used in the manufacture of vanaspati.

Drought assistance to Maharashtra State by Central Government

849. SHRI M; S. GURUPADA-SWAMY: •

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI . MAHISHI:

Will"the Minister of AORICULTURE he pleased to state:

fa) whether any basis or criterion hat been fixed to determine the amount of drought assistance to be given to the States by the Central Government;

(b) whether any assistancei -has been given to Maharashtra State in response to their demand to meet the serious problem in their State;

(C) whether Government consfder the amount sanctioned adequate enough keep ing i_D view of the enormity of-the prob lem; and ^

(d) if not, whether there is any proposal to increase the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SKRI YO^ GENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The policy for financing relief expenditure is based . on the recommendations of the 8th Finance Commission and Government decisions thereon. Though, the State Governments are primarily responsible for financing of relief, the Central Government supple- . ments their efforts if "necessary. A_s re-commended by the 8th Finance Commission, an amount of Rs. 240. 75 crores pe_r annum is allocated as Marg in Money to the States, of which 50 per cent is contributed by the Central Government. The State Governments provfde the balan-, _ce 50 per cent in their budgets. On the occurrence of a natural calamity, the concerned State Government $meet_s$ the expenditure from its share of margin money and is entitled to draw the Central contribution after, exhausting its own share. If the expenditure requirements of a State exceeds the total margin -ney, it may seek assistance from the Cen- -tre. On receipt of ar memorandum seek-" ing Central assistance/. an Inter-Ministerial CentraWTeam is constituted. / The Ihlci- -(Ministered Team consisting *o(* experts from different disciplines visits the affected areas to make an oiHbe-sopt assessment of th_e situation. The Central Team holds detailed discussions witih^he State Government officials and- also bas discussions with the people's representatives in order to make and objective assessment of the situation. On the basis of the. field visfa, discussions and taking into. account the Central norms for various item and plan provisions available with the State Gov-eminent for various schemes, the Central Team submhsa report recomawadtBc item-wise ceilings of expenditure. Is case